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January 29, 2014

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Questions are being raised in the press concerning communications involving Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials and environmental organizations that call into question the Agency's objectivity regarding the Keystone XL pipeline approval process.¹ Specifically, newly disclosed emails released under the Freedom of Information Act indicate non-public communications between the Sierra Club and EPA officials relating to the Sierra Club's anti-Keystone agenda.

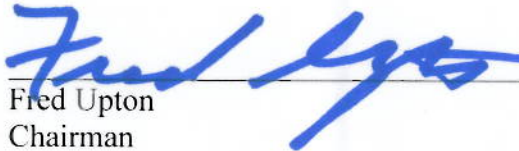
While communication with outside parties should be encouraged to ensure EPA officials have maximum information for policy decisions, we want to be sure those officials do not inappropriately share non-public planning and deliberative documents in a manner that undermines trust in the agency's process. In light of the questions posed in these news stories and pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, we write to request that you respond to the following by February 12, 2014.

1. Has EPA shared any internal drafts or analyses relating to the Keystone XL pipeline with any non-governmental organizations? If so, provide all documents relating to such communications.
2. Has EPA provided tactical or strategic guidance or assistance concerning the approval process for the Keystone XL pipeline to groups opposing a permit for Keystone? If so, please provide all documents relating to such communications.


¹ <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/01/22/emails-show-cozy-relationship-between-epa-environmental-groups-on-keystone-coal/>

Thank you for promptly attending to our requests. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Committee's request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Christian with the Majority Committee staff at 202-225-2927.


Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



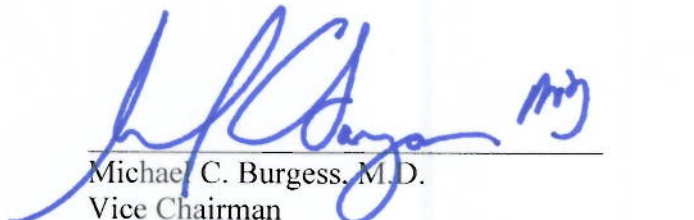
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